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A Woman Minister in Russia

SINCE the revolution in Russia women are becoming a customary sight in the councils of nations. The minister of public welfare in the present Russian cabinet is Alexandra Koleontay, who was among the woman leaders of the revolution. She has recently lead in the fight for the separation of the church and state in Russia. She is working especially for women. The endowment of motherhood is one of the reforms to which she is giving her attention.

Bryan Encourages the South

IN making a brief address before a joint session of the two branches of the Virginia legislature a few days ago, the Honorable William Jennings Bryan made the following statements concerning prohibition and suffrage:

"I wish to congratulate Virginia upon her prompt ratification of the national prohibition amendment. Speaking in Massachusetts the other day, I said that the Northern states would have to hustle to catch up with the South. The Northern states said that the South would not ratify that amendment on account of states rights, but I felt sure the South would abandon the shiboleth of states rights to the Brewers' Association. The next matter of national importance which will come before you for action will be the ratification of the federal suffrage amendment. I trust that you will be as prompt to ratify this measure as you were to ratify the prohibition amendment."

Fighting with a Vote

THE power of the woman vote may be used not only to establish democracy at home but also to advance the cause of freedom in Ireland. Irish women working for Irish independence are bringing pressure to bear upon the President and upon Congress through the women voters of New York, to enlist their support for the resolution introduced by Miss Rankin providing for complete independence of Ireland.

"Now that we have been enfranchised," remarked one of these New York women, "I feel that I can help Ireland more than ever. A vote is as good a weapon to fight for democracy as any."

It has been now more than four years since the National Woman's Party began convincing people that the votes of women should and would be used to establish democracy.

South Carolina Not the Last

THE governor of South Carolina has signed the act passed recently by the legislature admitting women to the practice of law in South Carolina. There are still remaining Virginia and Arkansas where women are not allowed to practice law.

Suffrage Coming in Italy

FROM every country in Europe the dispatches come almost daily concerning the advances which are being made in the cause of political freedom for women. Suffrage as a war measure is being considered in practically all the countries which have not already granted it as a war measure. At least the war has opened the eyes of the rulers of all Europe to the fact that women should be represented in governments.

In Rome the Procurator-General spoke recently urging the granting of civil rights to women. He spoke of the patriotic devotion of the women of Italy since the outbreak of the war, dwelling with admiration and gratitude upon the subject of the solidarity and self-abnegation of the women of Italy.

American Women on Firing Line

ACCORDING to a recently received report, four American women members of the Salvation Army have been admitted to the battle front with the American troops in France. These four young women are equipped with gas masks, steel helmets and revolvers and carry on their relief work under fire. These are the first American women admitted to the firing line.

Women Jury for Nation's Labor Case

THE first all-woman jury to sit in a superior court case in California will hear the case of Mrs. Rena Mooney, when she is again tried on the charge of murder now pending against her.

An act of the legislature which became effective January first legalized the presence of women on the jury of superior courts in California where the women have voted since 1911.

Tammany Befriends Women Voters

NO political organization in the state of New York has been so prompt to recognize the newly enfranchised women of the state as Tammany Hall, which as an organization opposed the extension of the franchise to women. By resolutions of its executive committee it decided recently to admit women to full equality with men in the organization.

The new program provides for a woman captain in every election district and an equal representation of women on the county committee. This committee is a body authorized by law. This part of the program cannot go into effect until the next primary election. Until that time the woman's committee will serve temporarily in an advisory capacity.

One does not hesitate to predict great powers which the women of the country will have to wield after the passage of the suffrage amendment when one can see the recognition obtained in so short a time by the women of New York from their enemies and also the recognition which all national parties have been forced to concede women because of those who vote in a minority of the states of the country.

Labor Helping Suffrage

ORGANIZED labor throughout the country is rallying to the support of federal suffrage.

A demand for the adoption of the woman suffrage amendment by the United States Senate and submission to the states for ratification was made in resolutions passed at the annual meeting of the Business Women's League of Colorado Springs.

The text of the resolution follows: Resolved, That this meeting call upon President Wilson and the Democratic Administration to give effective support to the national suffrage amendment by making it an Administration measure and securing its passage in this session of Congress.

Resolved, that this meeting call upon the Senate of the United States to pass at once the federal suffrage amendment establishing that democracy for which the men of the country have been called to fight abroad.

Be it resolved, That this resolution be sent to the President of the United States, Senator Thomas Martin, Democratic leader of the Senate; Senator Jacob H. Gallinger, Republican leader of the Senate, and to our own United States senators.

(Signed) Gertrude Peirson,
President.

Austrian Suffrage Agitation

DURING the first two years of the war the woman's organizations in Austria suffered from the general depression, but since that time they have revived. Very active propaganda has been carried on by the Social Democratic Party to arouse the enthusiasm of working women for economic progress and also for enfranchisement.

At the Austrian Social Democratic Women's Conference it was decided that one-half of the monthly dues should be expended in the work for the communal and also the Reichsrat vote. It is expected that these demands of the suffragists will be supported by the Social Democratic Deputies in the Reichsrat.

That the demand for liberty is being pressed by the women of countries which have been at war for more than three years, should serve as an additional proof to the opposing politicians in this country of the fact that agitation on this subject will not cease until the demand is granted. The work of women for women's freedom will not lag during war.

Pluck Wins in the Long Suffrage Fight

By Mary H. Ingham

Chairman Pennsylvania Branch National Woman's Party

Miss Mary Ingham

NOT only the energetic National Woman's Party but the congressmen themselves, both Republican and Democratic, are working vigorously in the Capitol to bring over the last five senators who are yet in doubt on their votes for or against the Federal amendment. The women believe—and act on their belief—that every man's vote should be assured in advance, so that they will have no uncertainty when the vote is taken.

When President Wilson earnestly advised the Democratic congressmen to vote for the amendment on January 10 "as an act of right and justice to the women of the country and the world" and five-sixths of the Republicans joined with half the Democrats in putting the resolution through the victory was assured. More than that, the declaration of the President and both parties for immediate action on suffrage as a war measure should forever silence the attacks on the patriotism, the wisdom and the motives of the women who have unceasingly and courageously insisted on this very act of justice.

By the year-long banner campaign, during which the suffrage amendment has never for a week been crowded from the pages of the press and never for a day been entirely out of the mind of the nation, this war measure was won, and won primarly because of the unshakable faith in the justice and righteousness of their cause by the women of America. Now that the vindication of the policy of the National Woman's Party is complete many women and not a few men are beginning to understand where they formerly condemned. For them and to others a brief review of the work of the party is worth while.

Five years ago, after close study of the machinery in State and national Constitutions for enacting suffrage legislation, Alice Paul, Lucy Burns and a few other enthusiastic believers in democracy vitalized the movement for the federal amendment as the quickest method of enfranchisement. Beginning as a committee of the National Suffrage Association, they soon formed an organization of the more radical elements and in a year found themselves outside the educational circle and deep in direct political activity.

By the summer of 1914 the Congressional Union had spread to the North and East and West. It waged a campaign to gather in the woman voter by urging her to vote against the Democratic nominee for Congress because his party had refused to pass the suffrage amendment. The idea was new, but many women responded—enough to make the organization a real power.

FULLY aware that the publicity center for national action is Washington, the leaders, now re-enforced by a growing membership, which includes the contemporaries of Susan B. Anthony, Mrs. Charlotte Peirce, of Pennsylvania, and the Rev. Olympia Brown, of Wisconsin, the daughters of the early suffragists and an army of young and old and middle-aged women, kept suffrage perpetually before Congress and the country. They lobbied and sent deputations all the year and went into the suffrage states in the campaign of 1916 to secure a protest vote against the Democratic candidates because of the attitude of their Party on the national amendment. By that time the Congressional Union needed a wider organization and became the National Woman's Party, with a one-plank platform and the slogan "Suffrage First." After the election, they returned to the double task of organization and of using political pressure and publicity on the President and Congress.

The outbreak of the war spurred them on and the need of the country for the women inside, not outside, its fundamental organization was published by the pickets to all America and to all Europe. Throughout the extraordinary summer of imprisonment, of attacks by friend and foe, the pickets stood firm with their message and it has been heard.

But not even the splendid gift of free citizenship so near the eager, outstretched hands of American women can fire our patriotism more than the inspiring knowledge of the fearlessness, the undaunted insistence on justice, the unfailing resourcefulness, the keen wit and faith in democracy of the "women of the country and the world."

The National Woman's Party is putting the capstone on the structure whose cornerstone was laid by the "pioneers" and its foundations by the laborious educational workers of these fifty years. It is good to feel that the "party" is full of youth and can now go on to be pioneers in the great work of the enfranchised woman for the next fifty years.

MARY H. INGHAM,
Chairman Pennsylvania Branch National Woman's Party.

The National Party, the New Progressive Party, Demands Federal Action

An Open Letter to the Members of the Senate

DEAR Sir: We, the undersigned, representing the National Party, urge you to use your personal influence as well as your own vote to secure the passage of the federal amendment granting suffrage to the women of our nation, by the Senate. The popular demand for this concrete demonstration of our democracy is increasing as it becomes so apparent how large and varied a part women are playing in our civil, industrial and military life.

It would be a peculiar misfortune if, after the favorable action in the House, this amendment were defeated by the Senate. National efficiency in the conduct of the war would be impaired by the renewal of the controversy which would necessarily divert the attention of the public.

A vigorous campaign would be conducted throughout the country by the advocates of suffrage, and the time, money and energy of large numbers of women would be expended to secure for themselves a voice in that government which is demanding and receiving from women such magnificent service and sacrifices.

The recent victory for woman suffrage in the state of New York is but a faint indication of the rapidly growing strength of this righteous demand. This victory is the revelation of that increasing number of Americans who are becoming keenly sensitive to the demands upon themselves

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THE NATIONAL SUFFRAGE AMENDMENT

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States extending the right of suffrage to women.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled (two-thirds of each House concurring therein), That the following article be proposed to the legislatures of the several States as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which, when ratified by three-fourths of the said legislatures, shall be valid as part of said Constitution, namely:

"ARTICLE—SEC. 1. The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex.

"SEC. 2. Congress shall have power, by appropriate legislation, to enforce the provisions of this article."

THE AMENDMENT IN THE SIXTY-FIFTH CONGRESS

Introduced

In the Senate, on April 4, 1917, by Senators Thompson, Owen, Jones and Shafroth.

In the House, on April 2, 1917, by Representatives Raker, Rankin, Mondell, Keating, Taylor and Hayden. Reintroduced in the House December 18, 1917, by Representatives Rankin, Raker, Hayden, Taylor, Keating and Mondell.

Referred

In the Senate, to the Committee on Woman Suffrage.

In the House, to the Judiciary Committee.

In the House all resolutions reintroduced on December 18 were referred to the Committee on Woman Suffrage.

Reported in the Senate

Favorably, September 15, 1917.

Reported in the House

By Judiciary Committee without recommendation December 15, 1917.

By Suffrage Committee with recommendation January 8, 1918.

Present Status

In the Senate

On the calendar awaiting a vote.

In the House

Passed January 10, 1918.

HISTORY OF THE AMENDMENT

Drafted

In its present form, by Susan B. Anthony in 1875.

First Introduced

January 10, 1878, by Hon. A. A. Sargent, in the Senate.

Reported from Committee

In the Senate

1878, Adverse majority.
1879, Favorable minority.
1882, Favorable majority, adverse minority.
1884, Favorable majority, adverse minority.
1886, Favorable majority.
1890, Favorable majority.
1892, Favorable majority, adverse minority.
1896, Adverse majority.
1913, Favorable majority.
1914, Favorable majority.
1917, Favorable majority.

In the House

1883, Favorable majority.
1884, Adverse majority, favorable minority.
1886, Favorable minority.
1890, Favorable majority.
1894, Adverse majority.
1914, Without recommendation.
1916, Without recommendation.
1917, Without recommendation.

Voted Upon

In the Senate

January 25, 1887. Yeas 16, nays 34. Absent 26 (of whom 4 were announced as for and 2 against).

March 19, 1914. Yeas 35, nays 34, failing by 11 of the necessary two-thirds vote.

In the House

January 12, 1915. Yeas 174, nays 204, failing by 78 of the necessary two-thirds vote.

January 10, 1918. Yeas 274, nays 136, passing by the necessary two-thirds vote.

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The National Parties and Suffrage

THE suffrage situation in the Senate was greatly improved by the resolutions passed last week by the national committees of the Democratic and Republican parties.

The Democratic resolution read:

"The executive committee of the Democratic national committee, after a referendum vote of the members of the national committee, representing the forty-eight states, and in pursuance thereof, does hereby indorse the Susan B. Anthony amendment to the Federal Constitution providing for woman suffrage, and urges favorable action thereon by the United States Senate."

The Republican resolution, though not quite so specific in its recommendation, also gave unqualified endorsement to the suffrage amendment. It read:

"Five-sixths of the Republican members of the House of Representatives have voted for the submission to the states of the national suffrage amendment known as the Susan B. Anthony amendment. We, the Republican National Committee, endorse the course of these Republicans in Congress as a true interpretation of the thought of the Republican party."

These resolutions mark a great change in the attitude of the two parties since their national conventions in 1916. At that time both parties fought shy of the national amendment, though both endorsed the principle of woman suffrage. The Democratic national platform read:

"We recommend the extension of the franchise to the women of the country by the states upon the same terms as to men."

The Republican platform read:

"The Republican party, reaffirming its faith in government of the people, by the people, for the people, as a measure of justice to one-half the adult people of this country, favors the extension of the suffrage to women, but recognizes the right of each state to settle this qustion for itself."

The action of the two national committees last week modifies the position of both parties as expressed in their national platforms. Mr. A. Mitchell Palmer, upon whose initiative the resolution was passed by the Democratic committee, writes to the Woman's Party: "This is an expression of the Democratic party of the nation through the only organization which can speak for it between national conventions. In the resolution, we spoke officially for the party. Our personal views might not influence senators much, but the party's voice will."

Recalcitrant senators have long put forward their party platforms as an excuse for non-support of the suffrage amendment. The vote of these two committees now places both great national parties squarely on record in favor of the measure and prevents any senator from longer hiding behind his party platform.

When the President came out frankly for the national suffrage amendment, its passage at last seemed assured. Now that the two dominant political parties have taken a similar stand, the success of the measure is made doubly sure. With the President and all political parties in the country supporting the amendment, there is no longer reason for anxiety as to its ultimate fate. The only problem now is one of seeing that the action which will finally come, comes without further delay.

Democratic Party Now "Officially" for Federal Suffrage

A. MITCHELL Palmer, on whose initiative the Democratic National Executive Committee recently passed a resolution calling for favorable action on the woman suffrage amendment in the Senate, states in a letter to the National Woman's Party that this resolution must be regarded as an "official expression of the Democratic Party through the only organization which can speak for it between national conventions"—thus making it tantamount to an amendment to the Democratic platform.

Since the passage of the resolutions, Democratic leaders in the Senate say that the suffrage amendment "will pass whenever it is brought up." Senator Jones, chairman of the suffrage committee, states that he is "waiting only to round up one or two more votes for good measure" in an apparent attempt to make the democratic vote more nearly equal to the Republican vote in the Senate than it was in the House.

Mitchell Palmer calls attention in his letter to the fact that the National Executive Committee in passing the suffrage resolution acted on the initiative of the members from Pennsylvania who felt that Pennsylvania Democrats, though they controlled no Senators "should do what they could to secure a favorable vote on the federal suffrage amendment in the Senate."

OTHER states besides Pennsylvania are going on record through their leaders in order, if they cannot secure favorable action from their senators, to avoid all the blame in the matter. The passage of a resolution in the New York legislature has been duplicated by the legislature of North Dakota, which has sent the following resolution to North Dakota representatives in Congress:

Whereas, the House of Representatives of the United States has passed a proposed amendment to the Constitution of the United States extending equal suffrage to the women of our nation, and whereas, the proposed amendment is now before the Senate of the United States for consideration, and whereas, all the political parties in the State of North Dakota have declared in their platforms for equal suffrage, and whereas, equal suffrage has been endorsed by the President of the United States,

Therefore be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of North Dakota, the Senate concurring therein, that our senators in Congress be urged to vote for the equal suffrage amendment.

Senator Gronna, of North Dakota, is, of course, already pledged to the support of the amendment and the resolution is expected to complete the conversion of Senator McCumber, who is, as the suffragists have him listed, "a hopeful non-committal."

LEADING citizens of Texas continue to make felt the demand of the South for the passage of the amendment. In a dramatic public statement made by Rabbi Henry Barnstein, of Houston, he says:

"I am a Jew and as a Jew I know my Jewish history and tradition. Even in Patriarchal times the Jewess was very much in evidence. Subsequently a Miriam leads the people in song and a Deborah in battle. In Israel there was no Salic law, so an Athaliah is proclaimed queen. There must have been co-education in the higher schools or how could the schools of the prophets have produced a Huldah to be the spokeswoman of her people? In the Talmud the sayings of Rabbis' wives are placed on record side by side with those of their husbands, and even in Mediaeval times women are placed at the head of communities. I am unalterably opposed to modern Zionism but admire the liberality of the Zionist Congress which unhesitatingly gave 'sitz und stimm' to women—they were fully accredited representatives.

"Therefore as an American Jew I am for suffrage. I am absolutely in favor of the federal enfranchisement of the American women as a war measure, and as the measure is on the calendar of the Senate, and the President has told Senator Jones, of New Mexico, chairman of the Woman Suffrage Committee, that he approves it as he did when the House passed it, I can see no reason for any senator withholding his support."

THE owners of two of Houston's large department stores, the W. C. Munn Company and Levy Brothers, both made statements which carried particular weight in their own communities. John H. Hill, vice-president of the Munn Company, said:

"Great numbers of men in our employ have been called to the colors. Many more will be. They are being replaced by women who are filling the positions with credit to themselves and to the satisfaction of the Company. Great industrial questions will arise after the war—in fact are arising now. Women will be called upon more and more to be factors in the industrial world. It is but right that they should have deserved recognition as responsible citizens; the industrial world could not move without them. To my mind the men of the country cannot act quickly enough to make up for the long delay and in granting justice to the women of America.

"The surest, quickest, most practical way to recognize our women is by federal enactment. I am, therefore, heartily in favor of the Susan B. Anthony amendment. I am glad our President endorsed the measure before the House and I sincerely trust that he will use his influence as our party leader to secure its passage by the United States Senate."

STRONG pressure is now being brought by the members of the Woman's Party in Colorado on a group of doubtful Senators, Republican and Democratic alike, who are being bombarded with letters explaining why Western women are demanding the passage of the federal suffrage amendment.

Two letters which have been sent to Senators of both faiths by Mrs. Bertha W. Fowler, state chairman of the Colorado Branch of the National Woman's Party, are as follows:

To Democratic Senators:

"We western women of the suffrage states, have read today with deep satisfaction, the report that the executive committee of the Democratic National Committee has indorsed the Susan B. Anthony amendment and at the same time urges favorable action thereon by the United States Senate.

"On behalf of the large membership of the National Woman's Party in Colorado and of all Colorado women, we urge you not only to vote for the amendment in the Senate, but to do all in your power to secure among Democratic members the necessary votes to assure its passage.

"Nothing less than the passage of the amendment with effective Democratic support can redeem the promises made to the women of the suffrage states by Democratic leaders in the last campaign; and this alone will relieve from embarrassment women who may wish to support the Democratic Party in the coming election.

"Sincerely yours,
(Signed) "BERTHA W. FOWLER,
"State Chairman."

To Republican Senators:

"We western women have rejoiced at the stand taken by the National Republican Party in favor of the passage of the federal suffrage amendment.

"We appreciate greatly the Republican support without which the amendment could not have passed in the House.

"In the mind of thoughtful women, since the day of Susan B. Anthony, the question of woman's enfranchisement has always been a national issue.

"As a senator of the United States, I am confident that you will realize, especially in this national crisis, that the time has come for national recognition of women by the submission of the federal amendment to the states for ratification.

"May I not urge you on behalf of the large membership of the National Woman's Party in Colorado and of all Colorado women to use your utmost influence to make Republican support unaninous in the Senate.

"Sincerely yours,
(Signed) "BERTHA W. FOWLER,
"State Chairman."

Renewed Federal Suffrage Demand in the South and in New England

ON behalf of the federal suffrage amendment, about to come before the Senate, Dudley Field Malone, who resigned a high Administration position that he might be free to fight for the federal suffrage amendment, then ignored by his party, is about to carry the message of democracy at home into the South. The first Southern meetings of Mr. Malone will be held in Florida, a state still in the "doubtful column" as far as its senators are concerned, in spite of the fine progressive temper of the state as a whole.

Mr. Malone will speak at three meetings in Florida, in Jacksonville on Wednesday, February 27; and at Palm Beach and Miami early during the month of March. Miss Clara Louise Rowe is arranging the Jacksonville meeting, in co-operation with Miss Helen Hunt, secretary of the state Association, and Mrs Mary A. Nolan, who represented Florida on the final dramatic picket line in Washington. The Palm Beach and Miami meetings are being arranged by Miss Doris Stevens. Mrs. Lawrence Lewis, of Philadelphia, finance chairman of the National Woman's Party, who is at Palm Beach, is also helping to arouse interest in these politically significant meetings.

MR. Malone's New England meetings will follow the first Southern meetings in Connecticut, Massachusetts and Maine. The New Haven and Bridgeport meetings, arranged by the Connecticut Branch under the chairmanship of Mrs. W. D. Ascough, will be held on March 10 and 17. Miss Katherine Flanagan and Miss Katherine Mullen, who have been arousing interest in the larger cities of Connecticut, are assisting with these meetings.

The Boston meeting, arranged by the Massachusetts Branch—Miss Olive Mills Belches, chairman—will be held at the Park Square Theater, on Sunday, March 24. Miss Rebecca Hourwich, of New York, is assisting in the arrangement of this meeting, which promises to be the largest suffrage meeting ever held in Boston. Intense interest in Mr. Malone's appearance is already being shown by newspapers and by politicians. The Boston American is co-operating in advertising the meeting in Boston and its suburbs by placing signs on their delivery trucks and giving editorial space. Other papers are nearly as generous. The annual conference of the Massachusetts Branch, which was to have followed the Malone mass meeting will be held during the first week of April in Boston and will deal with ratification campaign plans.

Mr. Malone will speak in Portland, Maine, at a meeting arranged by the State Branch under the chairmanship of Mrs. Norman Treat Whitehouse, on Monday, March 25. Miss Julia Emory, national headquarters organizer, is assisting the Maine Branch in arousing interest in this meeting.

MISS Beulah Amidon, of North Dakota, assistant chairman of the national press department, will replace Miss Mabel Vernon at a series of Eastern and middle western meetings which have been arranged by the State Branches, owing to Miss Vernon's illness. Miss Amidon speaks in Detroit February 19, at a drawing room meeting in which Mrs. Nelson Whittemore and Miss Joy Young have aroused much interest. Mrs. C. H. Adler has arranged a luncheon and drawing room meeting, to be held in Cincinnati, Friday, February 22. Mrs. Cyrus Meade, of Vandalia, will arrange the Dayton, Ohio, meeting for Saturday, February 23. Miss Amidon will speak in Pittsburgh at a drawing room meeting and also at labor gatherings, arranged by Miss Mary Blakewell, of Pittsburgh, and Miss Iris Calderhead, national organizer.

To bring pressure on the Senate for the passage of the amendment this spring Western Pennsylvania is acting with the National Woman's Party. The Central Labor Council of Pittsburgh unanimously passed resolutions calling upon the Senate and the President for action on federal suffrage. Five hundred delegates were present when the resolution was passed, and the same resolution was immediately transmitted for passage to three hundred locals of Western Pennsylvania. The same resolution has been taken up by the Convention of Railway Employees, and the Convention of United Mine Workers, before which Miss Calderhead is to speak this week on the federal amendment fight.

Among other Pittsburgh organizations which have asked immediate Government action on suffrage are the Get-Together Club, and social organization of two hundred; the Pittsburgh Single Tax Club, and the State Prohibitionists, assembled in convention.

ILLUSTRATING the new spirit of the young womanhood of the South, a mass meeting of the students of the State Normal College of Greensboro, North Carolina, at which five hundred and seventy-five were present, a vote was unanimously passed and petition signed asking Senators Overman and Simmons to vote for the suffrage amendment as an act of justice to the women of North Carolina. "If there is any chivalry left in the land, the young men of our colleges," comments a state paper, "will sign petitions asking that the request of the young women be granted."

Active preparation for the ratification campaign is also indicated in South Carolina.

The Greenville Equal Suffrage Party, of South Carolina, with Mrs. W. P. Vaughan as chairman, held a special meeting to make plans for their final drive, and as a body affiliated with the National Woman's Party, convinced that as a part of the Woman's Party the ratification in South Carolina could be pushed with greater vigor. The meeting was held at the Y. M. C. A. auditorium, where the decision of the meeting was expressed in the following resolution:

"Resolved that the Greenville Equal Suffrage Party convinced that the policies of the National Woman's Party are the most effective in securing the enfranchisement of women, sever its connection with the National Woman's Suffrage Association and become a branch of the South Carolina Branch of that organization."

The officers chosen for the branch were Miss Elizabeth F. Perry, chairman; Mrs. L. O. Patterson, Mrs. M. P. Gridley, Mrs. C. M. Goodyear, vice-chairmen; Mrs. Fletcher Jordan, recording secretary; Miss R. Psyche Webster, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Marie G. Richardson, treasurer. The Greenville organization becomes the fourth congressional district Branch of the State Branch of the National Woman's Party, of which Mrs. Vaughan is chairman.

FEDERAL suffrage has been injected into the contest for appointment to the Senate to fill the unexpired term of the late Senator William Hughes. Governor Edge has been deluged with appeals that the man appointed be one pledged to suffrage as was his predecessor. The following telegram was last week received by the Governor from Mrs. Phobe P. Scott, secretary of the New Jersey Branch of the National Woman's Party:

"We of the New Jersey Branch of the National Woman's Party urge you to support as Senator Hughes' successor a man who will work and vote for the federal suffrage amendment. The late Senator was pledged to this cause and for years used his influence in its behalf. May our next Senator prove as loyal a friend of the women of this state!"

AT the regular January monthly meeting of the Portland Council of Parent-Teacher Associations, representing forty-eight circles, and aggregating a membership of thousands of Oregon voters, the following resolutions were adopted, demanding action from the President:

"Whereas, The long struggle for political freedom for women has culminated in the passage of the Susan B. Anthony amendment through the House of Representatives of the U. S. Congress, and

"Whereas, The pressure of the times makes it expedient to clear up the unrest of any and every set of citizens appealing for justice so that their energies may be used in harmonious co-operation with the urgent war work of the hour; be it Resolved, That this body call upon President Wilson to do all in his power to secure such passage; and be it also Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to President Wilson, Vice-President Marshall, Senator Chamberlain, Senator Chas. L. McNary, Senator Thomas Martin, Senator Jacob Gallinger, Senator Jones, of New Mexico, asking them to bring every pressure to bear to accomplish this purpose.

"(Signed) Pres., MRS. J. F. CHAPMAN.
Sec., MRS. PERCY STROELL."

Comments of the Press

The Birthday of Susan B. Anthony

MEN always remember the birthdays of great men. Today let them remember and honor for a change the birthday of a great woman.

This is as fine and noble a face as any in the gallery of great Americans.

The life of Susan B. Anthony, enemy of slavery, brave fighter and worker, is as noble as any life in American history.

She was born in Massachusetts, ninety-eight years ago today, and lived to be eighty-six years old.

She taught school fifteen years, beginning as a young girl. She taught grown people all her life.

Susan B. Anthony fought the slavery of black men, women, and children, the selling and buying of their bodies, until slavery ended.

Part of her work is written in that amendment to the Constitution that gives to black men the same rights as to white men.

She fought against political slavery for women. And although she could not live to see it, that part of her work will be written into the Constitutional amendment that will give to the women of the United States political equality with men.

Susan B. Anthony lived and worked all her life for humanity, for justice. There never was a nobler, more unselfish soldier of the human race.

She endured insult, ridicule, contempt, abuse.

The man that does not look with reverence upon such a woman, and treat with respect those that carry on her works, is no credit to his own mother and is far from good citizenship.—*Washington (D. C.) Times, February 15.*

New Mexico Favors Federal Action

ENCOURAGED by the success in New York state, which probably proved the turning point in the campaign to win the whole country to votes for women, suffragists are now active in every state in order to influence Congress.

Logically and constitutionally, the question is one for settlement by the individual states, but now that the richest and most populous state in the union has declared emphatically for suffrage, Congress, which always has its ear to the ground, can scarcely fail to be impressed by the demand for settling the whole question at one stroke.

There is merit in the argument for uniform usage among the states. Injustice is involved in granting the ballot to the women of half the states and withholding it from the other half.

Thus it appears likely that in a comparatively short time the complete success of the suffrage movement will have been attained.—*Albuquerque, (New Mexico) Morning Journal, Nov. 28.*

Just Like Them

IT will be just like those White House pickets to believe that President Wilson's change of front on the question of woman suffrage by national action was due to their display of his own words on the banners they carried while picketing the White House.—*The Greenville (S. C.) Piedmont, January 12.*

Federal Suffrage Demand in Texas

POLITICIANS of this state might just as well accept suffrage and prohibition as the two paramount issues, for which no controversy of minor importance can be substituted in the public mind.

Even a general desire to drop everything for the sake of war preparation has proved inadequate to sidetrack them, and this is right, too, because affirmative action with regard to both is quite in line with those ideals for which this war is being prosecuted.

It were inconsistent for us to proclaim world democracy as our chief object in this conflict while . . . one-half of our population is still disfranchised.

Inconsistency is, of course, a perfectly human characteristic, and impossible to eliminate from human affairs; but in this particular instance it is too obvious and too prominent for complacent toleration.

Instead of serving to submerge prohibition and suffrage in the minds of the American people the war has exercised a compelling influence in the *opposite direction.*

Having been obliged to take a positive stand in favor of democracy as opposed to despotism, we perceive more clearly than ever before the *glaring defect in our own politcal structure* which deprives 20,000,000 women from a voice in the government.—*Houston Chronicle, January 31.*

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of that democracy which they are fighting to preserve and advance both here and abroad.

WITH women taking the places of men in cleaning our streets, conducting our streetcars, running our elevators and carrying the whole burden of so many of the enterprises which the war has made necessary, it would be neither intelligent nor wise for the Senate to refuse to grant to them their political rights.

Such a refusal and the consequent prolonging of the struggle, which can only end in victory for the women, would be welcomed by all the publicity agents of the Central Powers. It would be a refusal unwelcome to the American people who are anxious to take their stand with the other civilized nations of the world in saying that this nation recognizes the full citizenship of its women.

WE respectfully urge that you be not misled by the appeal to prejudice and fear by those who invoke the dread spectre of the race problem in our Southern states. Of all the arguments against the federal suffrage amendment this is the most specious and unworthy.

In all the fifteen Southern states, except Mississippi and South Carolina, the white women greatly outnumber the negro women. In nine of these states the white women outnumber the total negro population, men as well as women. In the entire South there are more than two million more white women than negro men and women combined.

If these figures are not sufficient to allay your fears may we remind you that the franchise qualifications, educational and otherwise, by means of which this problem is now regulated, would be automatically extended to women? Finally, the great movement of negroes from the Southern states to the North has greatly modified the situation in the South as regards the negro vote.

Respectfully, (Signed)

Ira Landrith, Chicago, Ill.; W. F. Calderwood, Minenapolis; Allen McCurdy, New York; O. H. Bishop, Rochester, N. Y.; Virgil G. Henshaw, Chicago; Charlotte P. Gilman, New York; C. G. Hoag, Philadelphia, Pa.; Frank H. Pattison, Colonia, N. J.; O. H. P. Shelley, Helena, Mont.; David C. Coates, Spokane, Wash.; J. G. Phelps Stokes, New York; Dorr H. Carroll, Fargo, N. Dak.; John Spargo, Bennington, Vt.; Wm. F. Cochran, Baltimore, Md.; Prof. Ellen Hayes, Wellesley; J. A. H. Hopkins, Morristown, N. J.; Fred H. Chase, New York; Hugh V. Reilly, Newark, N. J.

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HAVEN'T heard a word about Dudley Malone since President Wilson stole his thunder; and really, there is little to be heard from him on the subject.—*Tampa Tribune.* Don't be too sure. If Dudley Malone wanted to tell just what sort of a lecture he read to Mr. Wilson when he called at the White House to offer his resignation from a $12,000 a year job, rather than keep a job under an administration that had failed to live up to the promises made to the women of the Western states, it is probable that some mighty interesting literature would be made. And then Malone knows all about the Washington work house and the imprisonment of suffragists who "blocked traffic." The thunder is still Malone's if he wants to use it.—*Miami (Fla.) Daily Metropolis, January 28.*

Pickets

A FEW days ago as I was entering the Grunewald music store in New Orleans I was attracted by an elderly woman who was picketing near the store. She was holding in front of her a placard on which was printed in large letters, "Are you for woman suffrage," etc. Of course that word suffrage claimed my immediate interest, so I paused to watch this picket on duty. Some girls came and talked with her, and I heard them promise to be present at the rally. When they went away I ventured a remark to the lady and thereby gained conversation with her. You see, I wanted to know what our suffragists in New Orleans were doing towards furthering the cause. She told me that they were going to have a rally and get two thousand signatures to a petition to their congressmen asking them to favor the suffrage amendment. While we were talking her eyes fell upon my purple, white and gold "votes for women" pin. "Your pin?" she asked "Is the official pin of the Woman's Party," I answered. Her chin went a bit in the air as she said proudly, "We are anti-pickets." Since the lady was elderly, I refrained from disillusioning her. Anyway, she was so enjoying being an anti-picket that I just didn't have the heart to tell her that she was a picket on duty on Canal street in New Orleans; while the more earnest, more fearless, better informed of us had been on duty in the front line trenches—in Washington where for seventy-six years equal suffrage has been always inopportune.

At last these impatient crusaders have got the question to where it belongs—to the men behind the mahogany desks. And we are so glad that the anti-pickets kept right on picketing far behind the firing line. They have been such a stable backing for the front line trenches.—*L. Dick, in The Gulfport and Biloxi (Miss.) Daily Herald, January 26.*

Liberty Bond for Liberty Fighter

DUDLEY Field Malone, who resigned about four months ago the office of Collector of the Port of New York to work with the suffrage pickets for the passage of the federal suffrage amendment, was the recipient of gifts from the men who worked with him in the Customs House when he opened his new law offices yesterday in the Heckscher Building, Forty-second street and Broadway. The "inside force" of the Collector's office gave him a $1,000 Liberty bond as a token of their regard and the "outside force" gave him a gold chime watch and fob.

The watch bore the inscription, "In grateful and affectionate recognition of his just and kindly administration of the office of Collector from November 23, 1913, to September 17, 1917."—*New York Sun, January 27.*

What the Pickets Did to a Forlorn Hope

IF one wants to feel distinctly in the swing of affairs in these days, one should follow the press and our statesmen and stateswomen on the subject of woman suffrage.

The recent victory of the Anthony amendment in the House of Representatives had been prepared for by clever newspapers like The Gazette of Colorado Springs, and many Eastern papers hitheroto cold or lukewarm.

The New York Tribune kept up a running fire for a week before the vote, and when it was over, put in a witty line or two apropos of the President's greeting on the band wagon at the eleventh hour, likening it to the arrival of Blucher at Waterloo in time to save the day. The Tribune also gives a graphic account of how the women of the suffrage association were given one gallery and the women of the Woman's Party another in the House, from which to hear the debates, and adds that from a supergallery one could, in fancy's eye, see sitting there Susan B. Anthony, Harriet Beecher Stowe, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, George William Curtis, Edward Everett and the long line of men and women who had lived and labored for the cause of woman suffrage.

The congressmen themselves waxed witty in debate. Mr. Sullivan of Massachusetts said. "Democracy cannot live half free and half female."

Mr. Clark, of Florida, opposed, said in regard to the President's attitudes: "I am a pretty good lightning change artist myself sometimes, but God knows I can't keep up with this performance."

Jeannette Rankin, the "lady from Montana," made a masterly speech, so logical and well knit that I hesitate to take one sentence from its setting.

In Faneuil Hall, the precious "Cradle of Liberty," a big mass meeting was held before the vote, with plenty of purple and gold with the Stars and Stripes, and a lot of "picketers" on the platform, with Mabel Vernon to tell the whole dramatic story in her impassioned manner, and Vida Milholland to sing the ballads of Occoquan—it must have been good to be there.

A year ago the suffrage amendment was a forlorn hope. What made the change? The White House picketers. What did they change? A large portion of public sentiment, but chiefly the President of the United States. They caused him to press the button in New York and just before the vote tell the Democrats of the House "what was what."—*Fonetta Flansburg, in Colorado Springs Gazette, February 3.*

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